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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified is submitted herewith.

**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON  
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International Search Report dated August 9, 2000 established in International Application No. PCT/EP00/03575 of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

All of the documents identified on the accompanying PTO-1449 are in the English language and the relevancy thereof is self-evident.

The documents mentioned in the International Search Report dated August 9, 2000 in PCT/EP00/03575, which is believed to be in the file of this application, are

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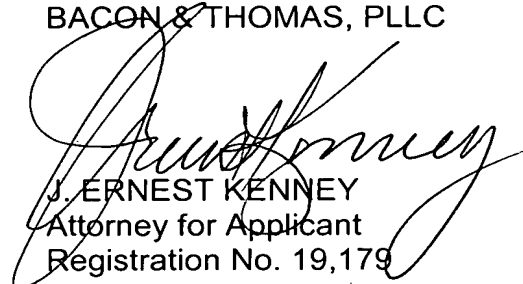
submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration. Specifically, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,426,072; 4,939,568; and 5,627,106 have been identified on the PTO-1449 and copies of each are submitted herewith.

**STATEMENT OF TIMELINESS**

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

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